



Substitute House Bill No. 5289

Public Act No. 10-81

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 19a-404 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Chief Medical Examiner shall be a citizen of the United States and a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut and shall have had a minimum of four years postgraduate training in pathology and such additional subsequent experience in forensic pathology as the commission may determine, provided any person otherwise qualified who is not licensed to so practice may be appointed Chief Medical Examiner, provided he or she obtains [shall obtain] such a license within one year of his or her appointment. [His] The Commission on Medicolegal Investigations shall submit recommendations concerning the Chief Medical Examiner's salary and annual increments to such salary to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for review and approval pursuant to section 4-40. The Chief Medical Examiner's term of office [and annual salary] shall be fixed by the commission and [he] the Chief Medical Examiner may be removed by the commission only for cause. Under the direction of the commission, [he] the Chief Medical Examiner shall

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prepare for transmission to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management as required by law estimates of expenditure requirements. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner shall account to the State Treasurer for all fees and moneys received and expended by him or her by virtue of his or her office. [He] The Chief Medical Examiner may as part of his or her duties teach medical and law school classes, conduct special classes for police investigators and engage in other activities related to the work of [his] the office to such extent and on such terms as may be authorized by the commission.

Sec. 2. Section 19a-405 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Chief Medical Examiner, with the approval of the [commission] Commission on Medicolegal Investigations, shall appoint a deputy who shall perform all the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner in case of his or her sickness or absence and such associate medical examiners, assistant medical examiners, pathologists, toxicologists, laboratory technicians and other professional staff as the commission may specify. The commission in advance of appointments shall specify the qualifications required for each position in terms of education, experience and other relevant considerations. The commission shall [fix the annual salary of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and shall submit recommendations concerning] submit recommendations concerning (1) the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner's salary and annual increments to such salary, and (2) the salaries and compensation of other professional staff to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for review and approval pursuant to section 4-40. The Chief Medical Examiner, the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, associate medical examiners, and assistant medical examiners shall take the oath provided by law for public officers. Other staff members as determined by the commission shall be appointed by the Chief Medical Examiner, subject to the provisions of chapter 67 and the rules

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of the commission not inconsistent therewith.